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Applicant: **Thomas E. Place**
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For: **BELT-WORN ARTICLE CARRIER APPARATUS**
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Applicant hereby claims priority based upon applicant's copending **Provisional Application Serial No. 60/476,212; filed June 6, 2003.**

Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 is sought by a verified statement filed with the application.

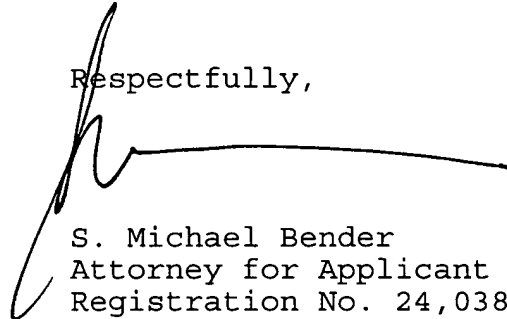
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